The proposed Plan has potential for employment generation and environment friendly sustainable development.

(b) and (c) The details of the Plan including the villages to be covered are yet to be finalized.

Gaps between demand and supply of power in Madhya Pradesh

†838. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the impact of giving coal to Andhra Pradesh out of the share of Madhya Pradesh on the production of electricity; and

(b) the steps being taken by Government for the State in view of the constantly growing gaps between the demand and supply of power in the State?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) According to Department of Coal, Ministry of Coal & Mines, no coal out of the share of Madhya Pradesh has gone to Andhra Pradesh.

(b) While electricity is a concurrent subject, supply and distribution of electricity within a State is the responsibility of the State Government/ Power Utility concerned which decides the priorities of power supply to various categories of consumers/shares in the State. Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments in generation by setting up of power plants through Central Public Sector Undertakings in Central Sector. However, the following steps have been taken by the Central Government to improve the power availability in Madhya Pradesh:—

(i) Additional allocation/assistance of about 1200 MW was provided to Madhya Pradesh (highest assistance given to any State), including allocation from 15% unallocated quota in the Central Sector Stations in Western and Eastern Regions, special allocation of 143 MW temporarily from Rajasthan Nuclear Power Plant in Northern Region and supplies facilitated by the Power Trading Corporation. However, the regular arrangement made at the instance of Central Government through Power Trading Corporation (PTC) for Madhya Pradesh to supply about 500 MW of power got reduced by almost 250 MW because Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board (MPSEB) did not

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renew the arrangement beyond May, 2004 with PTC. Subsequently on the request of Government of Madhya Pradesh arrangements for supply of about 100 MW during peak hours and 200 MW during off-peak hours was made towards the end of May, 2004 through PTC under bilateral arrangement.

(ii) In addition, Four (4) units of 125 MW each have been synchronized at Indirasagar Hydroelectric Project by Narmada Hydro Electric Power Corporation in the months of September and November, 2003 and January, 2004 and its entire generation, is supplied to Madhya Pradesh.

Bhakra Hydel Unit

839. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Bhakra Hydel Unit is on the verge of shutdown as the water level is plunged to the lowest level at 1466.14 feet; and

(b) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to prevent the shut down of hydel unit?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir. The level of Bhakra Reservoir touched 1466.11 ft. on 14th June, 2004 as against the dead storage level of 1462 ft.

(b) The operation of Bhakra and Pong reservoirs of the BBMB are periodically reviewed by the Technical Committee of Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) consisting of representatives from Irrigation Departments and power utilities of all the participating States (of BBMB), for optimizing the requirements of irrigation and power generation. The Committee takes into consideration all the relevant factors while deciding the operation of these reservoirs to ensure irrigation supplies as also the power generation based on the water storage position in the reservoirs and the anticipated inflows during the period under consideration.

Power generation through non-conventional sources

840. SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state the steps Government have taken to render help and encourage, States for non-conventional power generation and explore